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"WHERE THE ACTION STARTS"

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES ON TV

Channel 8 in Charleston will feature a thirty-minute pictorial study and discussion of Library Service in West Virginia.

Ed Rabel is commenting on scenes which illustrate new library development-- buildings, and services. The show will also probe some of the problems of library service. Participating on the panel are representatives from various divisions of the West Virginia Library Association: Mrs. Jean Collins, Junior High School Librarian, from Belle, representing the School Library Section; Miss Ruth Figgatt, Head of the Circulation Department of Kanawha County, representing the Public Library Section; Mr. Harold Apel, Marshall University Librarian, of Huntington, representing the College Libraries; and Mr. Perry O'Brien, Attorney at Ripley, who has served on local and regional boards, representing the State Library Commission.

TIME:

WCHS, Charleston, West Virginia

Tuesday, 10:30 P.M., April Nineteenth

PUBLISHER'S
EXHIBIT BOOKS
ON
CIRCUIT

The Joint Committee of the American Library Association, and the Council of Book Publishers, mail over 1,200 sample children's

books to the Library Commission each year. This is an unselected grouping of books

from a literary standpoint, but indicative of the huge crop of books coming into the market for juvenile consumption. To insure that these books have a good exposure in West Virginia, four display units are being prepared at the Commission. One set will be available for one month's loan to public libraries. Three sets will be placed on a circuit to college libraries in the state. Four posters, 100 booklists, and a news release will also be included with each set of books. This is a chance for libraries to perform a useful service for teachers, parents, and students of juvenile literature.

Contact the Field Office of the Library Commission, if you wish to schedule an exhibit.

WEIRTON AND
HANCOCK COUNTY
ON CHANNEL 9

On Wednesday, April 20th, Bill Myers, of Weirton, and his Hancock County Staff, will participate in the Tell-All, over Channel 9 from Stubenville. Time: 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. Some discussion of libraries in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia, will be included in the interview-type program.

TWO NEW LIBRARIES:
PHILIPPI
AND
KIMBALL

Now, we are seventy-three! The City Council of Philippi has appointed an official board for a new city library.

The library board is headed by Judge Norman Luff, and has been assured tax-support by the City Council at this historic town. An unusually well-equipped room has been provided with soft carpeting, fine modern shelving, tables, chairs, and a display case. This library will be serviced with Traveling Library Books through the Stonewall Jackson Regional Library in Buckhannon.

Kimball, a town located in the northern area of McDowell County, is obtaining a branch library. It was officially admitted to the County Library

System in Welch, at the March Board Meeting. Mrs. Rex Coon heads a group of volunteers who have worked hard to renovate the former Scout Headquarters Room on the main street.

Both of these libraries have scheduled gala openings for National Library Week. Congratulations, and welcome to the Library Family!

REGIONAL
TRUSTEE
MEETINGS

The West Virginia Library Association at its March Executive Board Meeting, agreed to co-sponsor with the Library Commission, a series of discussions designed to stimulate interest in the Blasingame Report on Library Services in West Virginia. Tentative plans include meetings at the following locations: Charleston, Huntington, Wheeling, Morgantown, Beckley, Parkersburg, Buckhannon, Keyser, and Shepherdstown.

Each Board of Trustees is to appoint two members to attend the meetings. The programs will be discussions on the Study following the luncheon. Specific dates and locations will be announced by letter to Presidents of the Boards of Trustees. One representative from each Public Library Staff will be invited. Also welcomed, will be the Directors of each College Library in the districts.

OPEN HOUSE AT
STONEWALL-JACKSON
REGIONAL LIBRARY

Mrs. Lucille McNary invites all Trustees of libraries located in Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, and Barbour Counties to:

OPEN HOUSE, April 18th, 8:00 P.M.

BUILDING
NEWS

No ground-breaking has occurred this spring, but hope does rise eternally at this season. Definite building activity is on "the make" in three communities. Kingwood's Volunteer Firemen bought the "Old Jail" on Main Street, and plan to give it to the library. South Charleston's City Council has

taken an option on a piece of property behind the Kroger Store, in that city. The Kanawha County Library is working with the South Charleston Board on the plans. Martinsburg has purchased the "Old Wiltshire Building" on the town's main square--sale price, \$90,000.

ABOUT
LIBRARIANS

Three beloved librarians were taken from our midst since the last Newsletter.

Bertha Chadderdon, of Sistersville, who had served sixty years. Ida Peters, the inspirational librarian, at the Parkersburg High School, who served from 1918 to 1952, and Mrs. Grover Evick, librarian, at the Pendleton County Library in Franklin, who died very suddenly of a heart attack.

There are three new faces in our libraries to whom we extend a welcome: Mrs. Helen M. Britton, the new librarian at Romney; Catherine Minesinger, the new librarian at New Cumberland; and Mrs. Lee Ertell, the new librarian at Upper Pocohontas Library in Green Bank. Also, a warm welcome to Mrs. Lloyd Liljequist, who served as Miss Chadderdon's Assistant for three years, and is now to be librarian at Sistersville.

Hope that it will not be too long before we can make the acquaintance of each of you!